



Maryland Agriculture Data

Weekly Crop and Weather Report



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MAY 13, 2002

Scattered Precipitation

With scattered showers throughout last week and heavy thunderstorms on Sunday, Maryland farmers had an average of 4.9 **days suitable for field work**. The rain that fell last week and the previous week was needed to improve **subsoil moisture**, although 50 percent is still reported in short to very short supply. Precipitation accumulations have been scattered for the month so far. The western part of the state has received above average amounts of rainfall for May, with Garrett County receiving 3.1 inches, 1.3 inches above normal. **Small grains** in this area are reported as showing stress due to standing water. Northern counties including Frederick, Carroll, Baltimore, and Harford Counties are at normal amounts of precipitation for May. Areas to the south, however, are at below normal rainfall with St. Mary's County receiving 0.7 inches of rain, 1.0 inch below normal.

Small grains remain in mostly good to excellent condition with **winter wheat** rated 32 percent excellent, 43 percent good, 19 percent fair, and 6 percent poor. **Barley** is rated 33 percent in excellent condition, 47 percent good, 18 percent fair, and 2 percent poor.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 12, 2002 (PERCENT)

ITEM	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1997-2001
Small Grain Development:				
Barley, headed	94	91	86	91
Winter Wheat, headed	78	54	36	55
Tobacco, transplanted	35	18	14	9
Planting Progress:				
Cantaloupes	43	23	53	55
Cucumbers	25	15	33	31
Field Corn	67	52	64	59
Lima Beans	10	5	9	7
Potatoes	89	83	100	100
Snap Beans	23	19	20	23
Sorghum	6	--	4	4
Soybeans	9	4	11	7
Sweet Corn	59	50	51	53
Tomatoes	42	39	64	55
Watermelons	26	19	34	39
Fruit Crops:				
Strawberries, blooming	90	85	81	84
Strawberries, harvested	15	--	3	9
Hay Harvested:				
Other hay, 1 st cutting	15	13	13	15
Alfalfa, 1 st cutting	15	10	15	14

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 12, 2002 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	0	8	87	5
Topsoil (2001)	24	61	15	0
Subsoil Moisture	10	40	47	3
Subsoil (2001)	7	42	51	0

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